

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, new and useful improvements have been made by the undersigned in

### SYNCHRONIZED SAMPLING ON A MULTIPROCESSOR BACKPLANE VIA A BROADCAST TIMESTAMP

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed on August 4, 2000, which application is identified as U.S. Serial No. 60/223082 (Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Docket No. 560043670020).

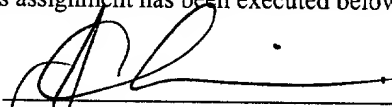
WHEREAS, Marconi Communications, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest throughout the world in and to said inventions and improvements including the patent rights therefor.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign and transfer unto assignee, its successors and assigns, all right, title, and interest, in the United States and throughout the world, in and to said inventions and improvements and all patent applications, patents, patent rights, and inventor's certificates therefor, including without limitation said application for patent in the United States, all divisions and continuations thereof, all patents which may be granted thereon, all reissues thereof, all right to sue for past infringement thereunder, and all patents which may be granted for said inventions and improvements by states or nations other than the United States and all applications therefor; we covenant and agree for ourselves and for our executors, administrators, and legal representatives that, at assignee's request, we will execute and deliver any applications, affidavits, assignments, and other instruments as may be deemed necessary or desirable to secure for or vest in assignee, its successors or assigns, all right, title, and interest in and to any application, patent, or other right or property covered by this assignment, including the right to apply for and obtain patents in foreign countries under the provisions of the International Convention; and we hereby request and authorize the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States patents granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same, and authorize appropriately empowered officials of foreign countries to issue any letters patent granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed below by the undersigned:

Date:

Sept 15, 2000

  
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STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Enza Valente, whose full Post Office address is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Witness)

705 Ernest Marceau Montreal Quebec H1m 3J2  
(Address of Witness)

hereby declare that I was personally present and did see the above named person, personally known to me to be the person named in the assignment, duly sign and execute the same.

Date: Sept 15, 2000

Enya Valente  
(Signature of Witness)